

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB175** by Shapiro (Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Texas Education Code Section 51.803, relating to the current automatic admission of high school students graduating in the top ten percent of their class. The bill would authorize a general academic institution to limit automatic admissions to 50 percent of its first-time resident undergraduate student enrollment capacity in an academic year. If the number of applicants exceeded 50 percent of enrollment capacity the institution would be required to offer admission to applicants by ranking them according to their percentile ranking in their graduating class based on grade point average. Remaining applicants would be considered for admission based on the institution's admission requirements for other first-time undergraduates. Institutions would be required to provide information to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to school districts of anticipated percentile rankings that will qualify for admission by April 15 of each year. School districts would be required to provide notices to students.

There would be no significant fiscal impact on the state as this bill will not affect overall state enrollment in institutions of higher education and would not require significant changes to current enrollment processes.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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